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1. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT SOONEST ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING NATURE AND CURRENT STATUS OF IRANIAN, JAPANESE AND ANY OTHER FOREIGN INTERESTS PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN PALAU SUPERPORT PROJECT. REPORTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON CONTINUING BASIS AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

2. FOR TEHRAN: WE HAVE POUCHED COPY OF PROPOSAL DATED FEBRUARY 15 ENTITLED "PORT PACIFIC AT PALAU" FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL TRANSSHIPMENT AND PETROLEUM STORAGE PORT IN PALAU DISTRICT OF TRUST TERRITORY OF

PACIFIC ISLANDS (TTPI) BY ROBERT PANERO OF PORT PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NEW YORK CITY, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, POSSIBLY TO SHAH. WE UNDERSTAND JOINT VENTURE GROUP OF JAPANESE AND AMERICAN INVESTORS HOPE TO ATTRACT GOI SUPPORT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND GUARANTEED OIL SUPPLY FOR OIL DEPOT WHICH WOULD SERVE AS TRANSSHIPMENT POINT FOR MIDDLE EAST OIL TO JAPAN AND OTHER EA COUNTRIES. MEMBERS OF VENTURE REPORTEDLY MET O/A JUNE 11 WITH GOI PRIME MINISTER, IRANIAN OIL COMPANY OFFICIALS AND GOI OFFICIALS. DELEGATION WAS COMPOSED OF ROBERT PANERO, BRADY BRYSON (AN AMERICAN ATTORNEY/ADVISOR), SENATOR LAZARUS SALII FROM PALAU AND CHAIRMAN OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS (JCFS) OF CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (COM), AND VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES OF JAPANESE BANKING, INDUSTRIAL AND TRADING COMPANIES. PANERO AND POSSIBLY OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS DELEGATION ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO TEHRAN VIA PALAU AND TOKYO FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI EXPECTED TO BEGIN AUGUST 11. (FYI. USG IS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY FOR TTPI AND IS ENGAGED IN POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH COM'S JCFS HEADED BY SALII TO BRING AN EARLY END TO TRUSTEESHIP AND TO ESTABLISH CLOSE POLITICAL TIES WITH US. PALAU SUPERPORT PROJECT HAS RAISED LOCAL PALAUAN EXPECTATIONS
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FOR RAPID AND LARGE-SCALE CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND, BY SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY OF FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE FROM US, MAY IMPACT ON US MICRONESIAN FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE HAS ESTABLISHED A LOCAL POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, WHICH HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED SEPARATE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH US. THERE MAY BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS REQUEST AND PALAU SUPERPORT PROJECT. END FYI.)

3. FOR TEHRAN AND TOKYO: IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI AND GOJ AND OTHER CONTACTS, YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT WHILE USG HAS NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON THIS PROJECT, AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF TTPI, USG RETAINS FINAL APPROVAL AUTHORITY OVER PROJECT AND FINAL APPROVAL IS

SUBJECT TO REVIEW OF IMPACT OF PROJECT ON SECURITY OF
THE AREA AND ON GENERAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF
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